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The more important communications made to the Medical Society of the College of Physicians, the proceedings of the Pathological and Obstetrical Societies of Dublin, of the Pathological and Medico-Chirurgical Society of Cork, and of the Ulster Medical Society, containing, as they do, most valuable matter, will have space provided for them.

Thus, by the publication of original papers and of the transactions of our learned societies, the labours of the Irish School of Medicine will, as heretofore, be made known.

In the analytical and critical reviews we hope our readers will continue to find a clear exposition of the opinions and a trustworthy estimate of the works of medical authors. French and German books will be noticed in the ordinary course of review; and through

the kindness of Dr. W. D. Moore, to whose scholarly abilities we already owe so many valuable translations, we hope occasionally to present some of the important, but less accessible, publications of the Dutch and Scandinavian schools.

In addition, it is our intention to re-introduce periodic reports on the progress of the various departments of medicine. Our science is advancing rapidly and securely. Already may be seen the outlines of wide generalizations in pathology and settled principles in therapeutics. For generations scientific research seemed barren in practical results, but now scientific medicine is practical medicine. The discoveries of organic chemistry, the investigations into the structure and development of the tissues, and into the different functions of the body and the various processes of organic life, are throwing light on the nature and treatment of disease. From this very circumstance it is every day becoming more necessary for those who are actively engaged in practice to make themselves acquainted with the advances in the various departments of medicine. We have long felt this, and been convinced that the publication of periodic reports on the progress of our art in its different branches would add very greatly to the value of the Journal. The task of preparing such reports has been now most kindly undertaken for us by those whose names are a sufficient guarantee for the character of their communications—men who have access to the most recent and varied sources of information, who, as teachers, are accustomed to collect and arrange for presentation to others the successive additions to our knowledge, and who, at the same time, being actively engaged in the practical work of their respective departments and daily discussing, with the most experienced men in the profession, the merits of new suggestions, can speak with confidence as to their real value.

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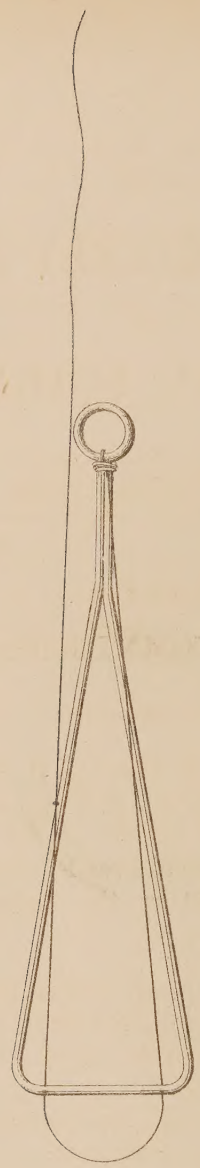

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